

February 25, 2008; Agenda Item No. 11(c)

Resolution No. 08-13

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY SUPPORTING GOVERNOR
SCHWARZENEGGER'S WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, it is within the interests of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to improve practices statewide to ensure that all responding fire personnel are trained, equipped, qualified and led to safely and effectively perform in the Wildland Urban Interface environment; and

WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger's 2008-2009 proposed budget includes the Wildland Firefighting Initiative that would improve statewide response to all disasters in every community in the state; and

WHEREAS the Wildland Firefighting Initiative will support first responders with new equipment and technology, improve overall emergency preparedness and response and help save lives; and

WHEREAS the initiative will support firefighters who respond to earthquakes, floods, levee breaks, landslides and perform rescue duties and will also protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the *Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan*, the *Rim of the Valley Corridor Plan*, and the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* as adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
4. ADOPTS the staff report and recommendations dated February 25, 2008 for this item.
5. ADOPTS all of the preceding whereas clauses.

7. ADOPTS a position supporting Governor Schwarzenegger's Wildland Firefighting Initiative.
8. AUTHORIZES the Chairperson to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 25th day of February, 2008, at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director